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RECOMMENDATION MODIFY UNDP VIETNAM COUNTRY

PROGRAM FOR 1972-1976

1. SWEDISH DEL (KLACHENBERG) AS PART HIS 20 JANUARY A.M. STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 15 RECOMMENDED UNDP ADMINIS-TRATOR DECIDE PUT STILL AVAILABLE PORTION (APPROXIMATELY \$ 3 MILLION) OF SOUTH VIETNAM 1972-1976 IPF AT DISPOSAL UNHCR AND UNICEF WITH AIM CHANNEL UNDP ASSISTANCE TO POPULATION ALSO IN THE PRG AREA. THIS INITIATIVE SUPPORTED BY INDIA, DENMARK AND FINLAND AT SAME SESSION. FULL TEXT OF RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS SWEDISH STATEMENT QUOTED BELOW.

2. PER EVANS FORMAN TELCON US DEL (FERGUSON) PROPOSES TO RESPOND SWEDISH STATEMENT AT AFTERNOON SESSION AS PART OF US. STATEMENT ON ITEM 15. STATING GC CANNOT INSTRUCT ADMIN-ISTRATOR TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION SWEDEN PROPOSES, SINCE RVN APPROVAL MUST BE GRANTED ON ANY USE OF ANY PART OF ITS IPF. WILL KEEP DEPT INFORMED.

3. RELEVANT PARAS OF SWEDISH STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

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MR. PRESIDENT, MY DELEGATION HAS HAD REASON BEFORE TO DRAW THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA, THE DIFFICULTIES AND THE CHALLENGES THAT IT PRESENTS TO AN ORGANISATION LIKE THE UNDP. WE HAVE QUESTIONED THE ADVISABILITY OF CERTAIN PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS, NOT LEAST IN REGARD TO ONE COUNTRY IN THE REGION, SOUTH VIETNAM. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN IPF OF DOLLAR 10 MILLION FOR 1972-1976, AND AMOUNT, WHICH I BELIEVE STRONGLY, THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SEE BENEFIT THE WHOLE POPULATION OF THIS DEVASTATED COUNTRY, DP/89 DEMONSTRATES THAT 23 PERCENT OF THIS FIGURE HAS BEEN EXPENDED. THIS IS LESS THAN HALF THE AVERAGE FOR ALL COUNTRIES, A FACT WHICH OF COURSE HAS TO BE SEEN AGAINST THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. BUT ALL THE PROJECTS APPROVED, WHICH NOW REPRESENT MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF THE IPF, ARE DIRECTED TO ONLY ONE PART IN SOUTH VIETNAM. AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS CLEARLY STATED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT. THE FACT THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THE TWO PARTIES TO WORK OUT A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AND THAT THE MILITARY CONFLICT CONTINUES, DOES CERTAINLY NOT CONSTITUTE AN ARGUMENT FOR THE UNDP TO MAINTAIN A ONE-SIDED SUPPORT FOR ONE OF THESE PARTIES.

MR. PRESIDENT,

WE ARE PERFECTLY AWARE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. THE PURPOSE OF RAISING THIS ISSUE TODAY IS TO SUGGEST A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION TO AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM.

BOTH THE UNHCR AND THE UNICEF ARE NOW ACTIVE IN THE WHOLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THEIR RESOURCES ARE VERY LIMITED. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND AND WITH THE AIM OF CHANNELING UNDP ASSISTANCE TO THE POPULATION ALSO IN THE PRG AREA, THE ADMINISTRATOR COULD DECIDE TO PUT THE STILL AVAILABLE PART OF THE IPF FOR SOUTH VIETNAM AT THE DISPOSAL OF THESE UN ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE PRG TERRITORIES. THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEEMS TO US TO BE A PRACTICAL WAY, BY WHICH THE PROGRAMME CAN ASSIST WITHOUT DELAY WHERE ASSISTANCE IS URGENTLY NEEDED AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVE ITS IMPARTIALITY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR WOULD GO INTO THIS MATTER AND BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF SUCH COOPERATION WITH UNICEF AND UNHCR AT THE JUNE 1975 SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. UNQTE.
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